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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

To this end, the U.S. Patent Office is advised of a later filed International Application, No. PCT/FR2005/001387, which has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 11/658,303. The Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR2005/001387, and a Search Report (No. FA

652851) issued for French Patent Application No. 04/08309, the priority of which is claimed in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR2005/001387, each cite the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application Publication

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DE 195 14 794 (Gass) - Published: October 24, 1996

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Copies of the above-listed Search Reports, and a copy of DE 195 14 794 (including an English language abstract), are enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in this matter. Because a copy of FR 2 857 842 was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement which was filed in this matter on October 10, 2006, a duplicative copy of this document has not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. A concise explanation of the relevance of non-English language documents is available with reference to the Search Reports which cite the non-English language document.

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French Patent Application No. 04/08309 was published under the No. 2,873,559 on February 3, 2006, and a copy of FR 2,873,559 is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

The specification for U.S. Patent Application No. 11/658,303 also cites a French Patent Application, No. 04 02299. French Patent Application No. 04 02299 is cited for describing a grinding device in which the rotation of an operating ring drives a dish-holder in translation, making it possible to vary the relative position between a grinding block associated with the device and the dish, for grinding a condiment, providing a concise explanation of the relevance of this non-English language document.

French Patent Application No. 04/02299 was published under the No. 2,857,842, on January 28, 2005. As previously indicated, a copy of FR 2 857 842 has not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement because a copy of this document was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement which was filed in this matter on October 10, 2006.

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